



OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING Victorville, CA 92395

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STAFF REPORT: Grants and Cooperative Agreement Program

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SUBJECT: Grants Program Update

Summary

As required by the regulations governing the OHMVR Division's Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program (Grants Program), the 2016/2017 grants cycle began with the opening of the application process on January 9, 2017.

Discussion

OHMVR Division staff conducted two grant workshops—one in Ontario on January 9 and 10, 2017, and one in Sacramento on January 12 and 13, 2017. There were approximately 130 and 140 prospective applicants in each of the respective locations. Additionally, there were also 14 new potential grant applicant organizations that attended the workshops.

The Governor's proposed 2017/2018 State budget appropriation provides funding for the G16 grant cycle in the amount of \$30M. From that allocation amount, the current statute requires the following breakdown with regard to the various grant categories:

- Operations and Maintenance (50%): \$15M
- Restoration (25%): \$7.5M
- Law Enforcement (20%): \$6M
- Education and Safety (5%): \$1.5M

The deadline for preliminary applications is March 6, 2017. During the month of March, OHMVR Division staff will review all applications and draft comments that will be submitted to the grant applicants. The grant regulations provide for a public comment period; for this grant cycle that period will be March 7, 2017, through April 3, 2017. During this time period, the public has an opportunity to provide comments and feedback on the preliminary applications to both the OHMVR Division and the applicants.

Critical dates for the remaining grant cycle:

- Preliminary applications are due March 6, 2017.
- Public comment period is March 7, 2017 through April 3, 2017.
- Final applications are due May 1, 2017.
- OHMVR Division staff will review and validate scores for final applications during the month of May.
- Intent to Award document will be posted on the OHMVR Division website on June 5, 2017.
- If there are no appeals, the awards will become final on July 6, 2017.

OHMVR Division staff will work with applicants throughout the application process.

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments

None